

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Willie Stokes, Jr. for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Willie Stokes, Jr. is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe; Willie's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at East Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Willie has achieved academic success while pursuing a Masters in Public Administration degree, having previously obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from East Tennessee State University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stokes is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and was selected by NAACP Voter Empowerment Chairman Ralph Davis to serve as President of the NAACP East Tennessee State University Chapter; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in his community, Willie served as Program Coordinator for the NAACP Voter Registration Project in Johnson City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Willie Stokes, Jr. proudly served his country in the United States Navy, earning the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Willie Stokes, Jr. brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Mr. Stokes has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Willie Stokes, Jr. has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Willie Stokes, Jr. for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.